

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ATHENAEUM SOCIETY  
Thursday, January 8, 1987

Following the Invocation by Dr. William M. Rowlett and dinner at the Log House Restaurant, the meeting convened at 7:30, President Martin Standard presiding with 24 members present, 12 absent and 2 on leave of absence.

Minutes for December meeting were read and approved.

Requests for excused absences were presented by Richard C. Brasher, K. O. Cayce, Jr., Wynn L. Radford III and Mike Herndon.

The request for absence for the next 3 months when he would be in Arizona was granted to H. E. Hudson.

The votes for membership in the Society for the nominees submitted by the committee were both favorable, and the Secretary was instructed to notify these men for their acceptances, which has been done.

President Martin Standard called for the stated program:

J. Brooks Major presented a paper entitled:  
Her Heart Was True But Alas! Her Teeth Were False  
In a delightfully humorous literary style, the author combined the history of dentistry with anecdotes of the problems and perils of supplying mechanical devices as substitutes for natural teeth.

J. Dudley Galloway presented a paper entitled:  
The History of Measures and Weights  
The historical origins of the ways and means of measuring and weighing, and counting of endless number of things in numerous countries, together with the terms used to express them were presented by the author, concluding that as mankind's progress in science and industry and commerce occurs, new working standards will be needed.

Following a 5 minute break the papers were discussed, 14 members expressing interest and asking questions to which the authors responded in rebuttal.

The program for February 5, 1987, was announced:

Thomas W. Westerfield  
Marshall Butler

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 by President Standard.

Respectfully submitted,

*W. Gladstone Major*  
W. Gladstone Major, Secretary-Treasurer

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Following the Invocation by William T. Turner and dinner at the Log House Restaurant, the meeting convened at 7:30, President Martin Standard presiding with 30 members present, 8 absent, and 2 on leave of absence.

Two new members, Col. Warren D. Cornell and Hal King, and guest Captain Rives M. Duncan of Great Falls, Montana, were introduced by President Standard.

Minutes for the January meeting were read and approved.

Requests for excused absences were presented by James H. Love, Marshall Bassett, George Boone, Franklin A. Nash, Jr., David L. Riley, George M. Draper and Peter C. MacDonald.

President Martin Standard called for the stated program.

Thomas W. Westerfield presented a paper entitled:  
A Search for Treasure  
Presenting his fruitless and costly search for the treasure of water for his home he was constructing in a rural community, the author, with scintillating humor, described his dismay and success in employing the faculties of a water witch.

Marshall Butler presented a paper entitled:  
A Worm in the Big Apple  
In a secular mosaic, its tiny tesserae deftly cut, brightly colored, precisely placed, the author offered his experiences as a developing musician in New York City, in a style, wit, and warmth uniquely wondrous.

Following a 5 minute break the papers were discussed, 7 members making comments and elaborations to which the writers responded in rebuttal.

The program for March 5, 1987, was announced:

George M. Draper  
Mike Herndon

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 by President Standard.

Respectfully submitted,

  
W. Gladstone Major, Secretary-Treasurer

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Following the Invocation by Dr. Robert B. Sivley and dinner at the Log House Restaurant, the meeting convened at 7:30.

The president Martin Standard unable to attend because of a broken leg and vice-president William M. Rowlett being out of the city, W. Gladstone Major was asked to preside as president pro-tem.

The roll call disclosed 26 members present, 10 absent and 2 on leave of absence.

Minutes for the February meeting were read and approved.

Re Requests for excused absences were presented by Richard C. Brasher, Kenneth C. Cayce, Jr., Sam H. Traughber, George W. Engler, and Wynn L. Radford III.

Purchase of memorial flowers for Judge J. Thomas Soyars was approved and Wendell H. Rorie was asked to prepare a suitable resolution upon his death and mail a copy to his family.

The president pro-tem asked the Membership Committee to present nominations for officers for 1987-88 to be elected at the April meeting.

The president pro-tem called for the stated program.

George M. Draper presented a paper entitled:  
Strategic Defense Initiative (Star Wars) Annihilation Averted--It's All Done With Mirrors

With the understanding only of one with an academic knowledge of physics and a literary skill to clarify it to the untrained in this field, the writer presented in depth, the rapid expansion of nuclear weaponry into new fields, its present wide proliferation, explaining the possible upgrading of our present defense systems and expressing some ambivalence between the necessity and the danger of escalation into the Strategic Defense Initiative program.

Mike Herndon presented a paper entitled:  
The Perils of Pint-sized People--And Selected Short Subjects

Challenging his high school yearbook caption, "Life is short and so am I", the writer standing upon a chair, delivered an hilarious diatribe against abuses heaped upon persons of diminutive height and the ridiculous accolade for those a few inches taller.

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Following a 5 minute break the papers were discussed, 14 members making comments and suggestions. Meeting the skeptics with patient tolerance and the flippant critics with barbed rejoinders as the situations demanded, the writers explained and defended their papers in rebuttal.

The program for April 2, 1987, was announced:

Robert B. Sivley  
William M. Rowlett

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25.

Respectfully submitted,

  
W. Gladstone Major, Secretary-Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
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Thursday, April 2, 1987

Following the Invocation by Thomas W. Westerfield and dinner at the Log House Restaurant, the meeting convened at 7:30 by Vice-President William M. Rowlett presiding in the absence of President Martin Standard who was convalescing.

The roll call disclosed 27 members present, 9 absent and 2 on leave of absence.

Requests for excused absences were presented by Frank A. Yost, Paul K. Turner, Marshall Bassett, Richard C. Brasher, Thomas W. Westerfield and Marvin D. Denison.

Minutes for the March meeting were read and approved.

The Resolution upon the death of Judge J. Thomas Soyars prepared by Wendell H. Rorie was read.

The motion to instruct the Vice-President to arrange for the May Open Meeting at the Hopkinsville Country Club was approved.

The Nominating Committee recommendation for 1987-88 officers-- William H. Rowlett, President; Dr. Sam H. Traughber, Vice-President; Dr. Franklin A. Nash, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer---was approved.

The Vice-President called for the stated program:

Dr. Robert B. Sivley presented a paper entitled:  
Extrasensory Perception--Fact or Fiction

In a very learned paper upon the phenomena involved in para psychology, together with sketches of many personalities involved beginning with the 16th century poet Nostradamus, the writer concluded that the assertion that any perceptual events occur without the use of known sense modalities is yet to be proved.

Dr. William M. Rowlett delivered a paper entitled:  
The Scourge of God

Taking a warning from the writings of St. Paul, the writer presented the history and nature of the virus which causes A.I.D.S., its devastating effect upon the human body, its rapid spread, its ineffectual method of treatment, and pointing out that the need to educate our young people is critical..

Following a 5 minute break the papers were discussed, the

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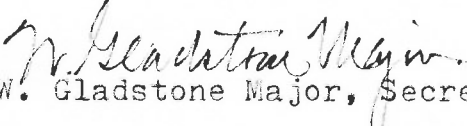
comments and questions of 7 members indicated the interest and concern of all present and evoked pertinent response for the writers in rebuttal.

The program for the May 7, 1987, Open Meeting was announced:

Kenneth C. Cayce, Jr.  
Charles L. Tilley, Jr.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,

  
W. Gladstone Major, Secretary-Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION  
OF THE ATHENAEUM SOCIETY  
Thursday, May 7, 1987

The 86th Open Session convened at 7:00 in the Dining Room at the Hopkinsville Golf and Country Club with President Martin Standard presiding.

The tables were tastefully decorated and arranged conducive to friendly conversation and a delicious buffet dinner was served.

Dr. Robert B. Sively gave the Invocation.

Following the dinner President Standard welcomed the members and their guests and gave a short explanation of the purposes and history of the Athenaeum Society. He then asked the Secretary to call the roll of the members, requesting each to introduce himself and his guests; the total number in attendance was 82. 82.

President Martin Standard called the program for the evening:

Kenneth O. Cayce, Jr. presented a paper entitled:  
Miracle at Philadelphia

In a definitive and discerning paper the writer described the factors and provisions discussed and those rejected and those approved by the framers of our Constitution of the United States which now for 200 years has protected the rights and liberties of the people and has provided for domestic tranquility.

Charles L. Tilley, Jr. presented a paper entitled:  
The Arkansas Travelers

Beginning with specific examples of the degenerative trend in selecting subjects for Athenaeum papers during the past year, the author, employing the same subtle humour, described the incidents which turned a carefully planned delightful trip to Hot Springs, Arkansas, into a disaster.

In a discussion of the papers, after a five minute relaxing break, 19 members and 1 guest made laudatory comments with nostalgic anecdotes and considerable autobiographic detail. The authors with good humour and courtesy responded in rebuttal.

The President announced the elected officers for 1987-1988:

Dr. William M. Rowlett, President  
Dr. Sam H. Traughber, Vice-President  
Dr. Franklin A. Nash, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*W. Gladstone Major*  
W. Gladstone Major, Secretary-Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
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Thursday, September 3, 1987

Following the invocation by Dr. Prewitt Owen and dinner at the Log House Restaurant, the meeting convened at 7:30 with President William M. Rowlett presiding. The roll call revealed 28 members present and seven absent.

Requests for excused absences were made by James H. Love, Duard N. Thurman and Franklin A. Nash, Jr., with these requests being approved.

Minutes from both the regular April meeting and the May Open Session were read and approved.

Communications in the form of two letters and one phone call were reported by the Secretary, indicating the resignations of Carmichael Fells, Marshall T. Bassett, and Col. Warren D. Cornell.

The above resignations left five vacancies and the Nominating Committee chaired by Charles L. Tilley, Jr. was called on for a report. Mr. Tilley indicated that rather than attempting to fill all of the vacancies at once the Nominating Committee was placing two names before the group for consideration. The names of two persons were presented with introductory comments about these persons being given by Mr. Tilley and by Wynn L. Radford, III. It was then requested that members consider further nominations to be presented at future meetings.

After it had been indicated that Frank A. Yost was not able to be present for this meeting and had exchanged program dates with Hal King, President Rowlett called for the amended program:

Paul K. Turner presented a paper entitled:  
Where Are We And Where Are We Going?

In what the author described as a doomsday-type paper, some potentially significant problem areas that could affect the future of Kentucky were presented along with comments on possible solutions. Specific reference was made to reports from the Blue Ribbon Commission called "Kentucky Tomorrow," created by Lt. Gov. Steve Beshear. The Commissions' suggested five major trends and five strategic principles to address the problems were reviewed in some detail.